

STATE ARMORY BOARD
December 22, 2021

The Indiana State Armory Board (SAB) convened at 10:06 A.M., Wednesday, December 22, 2022 in the Adjutant General's Conference Room, located on the second floor of Building One, Indiana Joint Force Headquarters at Stout Field, 2002 South Holt Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241, in compliance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) meeting guidelines; pursuant to notices given to all concerned.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MG (Ret) R. Martin Umbarger—President
BG (Ret) Ronald W. Henry—Vice-President
MG R. Dale Lyles—the Adjutant General (TAG) –Secretary-Treasurer
MSG (Ret) Donivan J. Mahuron—Member
COL (Ret) Marjorie K. Courtney—Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Scott R. Collins—Director, State Operations
COL (Ret) John Silva—Controller
LTC Adam Tscherne—Commander, Indiana National Guard Solutions Group
Mrs. Stephanie Brossman—Field Auditor
Mrs. Mary Carrico—Director, State Purchasing and Contracting (P & C) Office
Ms. Alexis Cozzarelli—Deputy Contracting Officer, State P & C Office
COL Steven Hines— Construction and Facilities Management Officer
Mr. James Mahern—Director, State Facilities Office
Mr. Jason Thompson—General Counsel, Adjutant General's Office
COL (Ret) Troy Joslin—Director, Hoosier Youth ChalleNGe Academy
BG Justin Mann—Director, Joint Staff
Ms. Mary Barbee--Recorder

THOSE ABSENT

COL (Ret) Timothy R. Warrick—Member

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2021, State Armory Board Meeting was made by Colonel Courtney, seconded by Sergeant Mahuron, and carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Colonel Silva briefed the Board on their financial status of funds.

He stated the Balance of the Old National Bank Special Programs Account opening balance is \$199, 672.35 with receivables coming in from students and Ivy Tech State College (\$25,679.00) totaling total current assets of \$225,351.35

Colonel Silva stated the only expenses for the account are the charges incurred for the cleaning of dorm rooms and the internet as the utility expenses are paid with appropriated fund monies. He indicated monies are starting to arrive in the account through Automated Clearing House (ACH) deposits. He estimated there would be \$340,000.00 in the account at the completion of the current cohort.

The main State Armory Board checking account with Old National Bank had an opening balance of \$2,390,621.30, with Accounts Receivable totaling \$42,000.00 from Milestone Construction's Railhead Project from 2012, giving the State Armory Board Total Assets of \$2,432,621.30

Colonel Silva stated all the Board's Certificates of Deposit are up to date, as the Mid-Southern Bank CD had been rolled over since the last meeting. He indicated interest rates were still dismal; but they should start creeping up in their rates of return. General Umbarger asked about the rate of two-point six percent on the United Fidelity Certificate, to which Colonel Silva explained the rate was good, and he authorize the certificate to be held for twenty-four months, after which, he had been informed by the State Board of Accounts, public funds certificates could not be extended beyond eighteen months, no matter how good the rates are beyond that time frame.

There are currently two audits underway within the Controller's Office, neither of which have incurred any problems.

Sergeant Mahuron made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Colonel Courtney, and carried.

5. MRS. MARY CARRICO WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE ARMORY BOARD CONTRACTS.

Mrs. Carrico indicated there were no contracts needing to be approved, nor any which needed to be signed. She introduced Ms. Alexis Cozzarelli as a deputy contracting officer for Stout Field and that she is doing very well in this position.

6. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ADAM TSCHERNE WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH AN UPDATE OF THE CYBER ACADEMY LOCATED AT MUSCATATUCK URBAN TRAINING CENTER, IN BUTLERVILLE, INDIANA.

Lieutenant Colonel Tscherne stated enrollment in the Cyber Academy was down by one student from the last report, due to a medical issue—he stated there were currently twenty-seven students enrolled in the Cyber Security program. Of those students, nineteen reside in the dormitory. Nine students are members of the Indiana National Guard. He stated there have been ten students accepted for the Spring 2022 cohort. Currently, Ivy Tech has stated they are able to instruct eighty students at the Cyber Academy.

He stated the Solutions Group is working with Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC) to try and find more dorm space as Ivy Tech is looking to house a law enforcement certificate program there, as MUTC can fulfill requirements for training of law enforcement officers. He also indicated he is wanting Ivy Tech to expand their communication with personnel from U.S. Army Cyber as it is his desire to have a more solid transition from the Cyber Academy to the Army's Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 17 series, enabling soldiers to become cyber warriors.

The Cyber Academy is promoted in the National Guard primarily through its full-time staff, as well as a campaign developed by Dr. Vonda K. Brooks: Develop/Expand/Recruit/Retain—a program to reach out to individuals who have enlisted, but not yet left for basic training, to consider the 17-series/cyber-MOS. Lieutenant Colonel Tscherne also stressed Dr. Brooks' campaign is also geared toward soldiers who have completed their Basic Combat Training (BCT) and those who have completed Advanced Individual Training (AIT), in the hope they might consider additional training in the cyber field of military skills. Dr. Brooks was the former Deputy Director, Business Development and Outreach, Indiana Department of Administration prior to becoming the Regional Business Development Director for the Indiana National Guard Solutions Group.

7. MR. JAMES MAHERN AND COLONEL STEVEN HINES WILL PROVIDE A SHORT BRIEFING ON SATE FACILITIES.

Colonel Hines informed the Board of the current Military Construction (MILCON) projects currently underway: he stressed the projects to be discussed were funded using federal government as well as state government dollars; none of the monies used on MILCON projects involve State Armory Board Funds.

He stated the Shelbyville Armory addition/alteration (add/alt) project is one percent complete and is looking to get additional funds to receive additional bid items. The Shelbyville Armory project covers the entire restoration of the existing facility and the construction of a modern building addition. The sewer and water-line extensions at Shelbyville are thirty percent (30%) complete and have been meshed into the overall add/alt project which is scheduled for completion in October 2023.

The Hamilton County Armory Project is currently in the design phase of construction—the design is thirty percent (30%) complete; and is in the process of being reviewed by National Guard Bureau (NGB). The Hamilton County Armory has an anticipated opening during the spring of 2025.

Colonel Hines stated the Crawfordsville armory now has updated/renovated latrines. The Jasper Field Maintenance Shop/Organizational Maintenance Shop (FMS/OMS) has been renovated to include modernization and a double-bay, drive-up garage. He indicated the next series of ‘shops’ to be renovated were in Alexandria and Gary. Other renovation projects are being conducted at Building 15 (Stout Field) and the Danville, Indiana Armory.

Mr. James Mahern stated he and Colonel Hines were successful with their meeting with the Indiana State Legislature in November 2021 and have secured three hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$339,000.00) for the Hammond, Indiana Boiler Project. He also indicated there would be contracts underway for four (4) motor vehicle storage buildings, the Terre Haute Boiler, a roof on Building Two (2) at the Hoosier Youth ChalleNGe Academy (HYCA).

Armory Beautification is eighty-six percent (86%) completed—three (3) armories have not taken action on this project. Mr. Mahern asked the Board if they would like to offer their congratulations at the next Board Meeting, to the staff of the armories who achieved the “best-kept-armory” status for 2021: Anderson (central region), Evansville (south region) and Warsaw (north region). He reported

the state employees at those armories were awarded spot-bonus recognition in their recent wages.

General Lyles briefed the Board that, he, Colonel Hines, and Ms. Bianca Kearby were going to approach the governor's office to secure recurring, sustainable amounts of money for the interior redesign/modernization of the various armories throughout the state. He stated the modernization of an armory's interior would be beneficial in the attraction of new recruits/retention of current Guardsmen.

8. A SHORT BRIEF WILL BE PRESENTED CONCERNING THE NORTH VERNON, INDIANA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN BUTLERVILLE, INDIANA.

Midwest Natural Gas has been working on the drilling under the Muscatatuck River to connect natural gas lines to the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center located in Butlerville, Indiana.

General Lyles expressed a desire to have the steam plant operational by the winter of 22; however, there is a slight delay on the completion of the project due to the acquisition of parts. Circle R Mechanical has been entrusted to modernize/renovate the steam plant.

9. RETIRED COLONEL TROY JOSLIN WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH AN UPDATE OF THE HOOSIER YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY LOCATED IN KNIGHTSTOWN, INDIANA.

Colonel Joslin briefed the Board on the status of the Hoosier Youth ChalleNGe Academy. He reminded the Board the program was started at Camp Atterbury, Indiana in 2007 under Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. and Major General R. Martin Umbarger. The Academy was relocated to Knightstown in 2010—it continues to thrive there.

To-date, the Academy has graduated over 2,070 children in Indiana; and 180,000, nation-wide since the program was started in 1993. He stated he would be working with the Hoosier Youth ChalleNGe Academy Foundation to celebrate the fifteen (15) year anniversary of the program in Indiana.

Colonel Joslin stated the Academy recently acquired licensed, clinical social workers to assist the cadets with their behavioral health, should it be needed. He

also stated through the Academy's partnerships with Options Charter School of Noblesville, Indiana and the New Castle Community School Corporation - Adult Basic Education Program of New Castle, Indiana the Academy now has a basic construction certificate program. Colonel Joslin hopes to eventually offer a certificate program in food service as well as a certified nursing assistant program as these are fields which are in demand in today's environment.

Generals Lyles and Umbarger commended Colonel Joslin on the excellent job he has done with the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy and wished him continued success.

10. BRIGADIER GENERAL JUSTIN MANN WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A SHORT BRIEF CONCERNING HIS POSITION AS THE NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STAFF.

General Mann introduced himself to the Board as the newly appointed Director of Joint Staff of the Indiana National Guard. As Director of the Joint Staff, General Mann ensures staff oversight and operational readiness of 11,500 soldiers and 2,000 airmen of the Indiana National Guard.

General Mann hails from Portage, Jay County, Indiana. He entered military service upon his commission as an Armor Second Lieutenant from the Purdue University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) in 1995. After eight (8) years of active service, General Mann joined the Indiana National Guard as a Training, Advising, and Counseling (TAC) Officer for Officer Candidate School (OCS) at the Indiana Military Academy (IMA), located at Camp Atterbury, Indiana (CA-IN)

Prior to his position as Director of Joint Staff, General Mann was employed by Naval Support Activity Crane, located in Martin County, Indiana.

General Mann is a graduate of Purdue University and the United States Army War College. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with a Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Commendation Medal with a Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and two (2) Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no visitors and no comments from the public sector at the meeting.

12. REMARKS BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

General Lyles provided a brief to the Board on the status of the Indiana National Guard. He began his brief by informing the Board, Indianapolis would be the host city of the 2026 National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) Conference. He stated over six thousand (6,000) people would be in attendance of the conference and anticipates assistance from the National Guard Association of Indiana (NGAI) to assist with the conference. General Lyles indicated a research team would be comprised of members of the NGAI as well as some state employees, who will learn the methods Ohio is using this year, in order to make Indiana's conference a success.

Operation Allies Welcome at Camp Atterbury, Indiana (CA-IN) has an attendance of 2,200 guests. General Lyles anticipates the Afghan evacuees will be resettled or relocated by either the middle or end of January 2022. He mentioned the State Department as well as the Department of Homeland Security have publicly stated they are not responsible for any damages incurred by the evacuees at CA-IN; those costs will be reimbursed by the Department of Defense/Department of the Army.

General Lyles stated there are over six hundred (600) soldiers and airmen still on State Active Duty assisting the Indiana Department of Health in twenty (20) hospitals throughout the state: the soldiers/airmen are performing Nurses' Aide roles as hospitals are still understaffed due to CoVid-19.

According to General Lyles fifty percent (50%) of Indiana Army National Guard soldiers have received their vaccination against CoVid-19, stating service members have until June 2022 to do so. He blamed the low number on disinformation. The Indiana Air National Guard's vaccination rate is ninety percent (90%)—the twenty-three (23) airmen who have not been vaccinated are either seeking a religious exemption or are merely refusing to receive 'the Shot.' General Lyles stated Department of the Air Force has asked airmen who are refusing 'the Shot' to be placed in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) to finish

their time in service, after which, they will have exited the United States Air Force/Indiana Air National Guard.

The Indiana National Guard Partnership Program with Niger and Slovakia are going extremely well: General Lyles met with the Chod of Slovakia, Lieutenant General Daniel Zmeko, last month (November 2021): Central and Eastern Europe are fighting against disinformation put out by Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin through various media outlets. Resulting from the heightened Russian disinformation, General Lyles stated he has been asked to bring three (3) units to a higher level of readiness and be ready to go should the need arise.

General Lyles reiterated he and Colonel Hines would be seeking funds from the Indiana Legislature for armory recapitalization/micro-recapitalization on a recurring basis to bring Indiana National Guard armories into the twenty-first (21st) century. General Lyles indicated accessions into the National Guard are fifty percent (50%) less than what he had projected they would be for 2021. He emphasized the low accession rate could not be solely blamed on CoVid-19, rather it is a combination of things: the distrust of the government, vaccination mandates for the military, the thirteen (13) Marines killed in the line of duty in Kabul, Afghanistan in August 2021, the rapid exodus of U.S. forces and failure of policy in Afghanistan: these and other things have “Generation Z” and their parents looking at the military through a skeptical lens.

Despite the low number of accessions, General Lyles cheerfully reported retention rates are higher than they have ever been, largely because of the great work the men and women of the National Guard have been doing to save humanity from CoVid—the purposeful mission has allowed the Guard to retain many of its soldiers.

General Lyles alerted the Board of the hard work and dedication Ms. Mary Shaw has been putting in with the Alumni Association, reminding Board members if they knew of anyone who had been in the Guard a long time ago, they should let their friends/family know to get their information to Ms. Shaw.

General Lyles concluded his brief to the Board by stating he has learned a deeper appreciation for servitude and what servitude means during this time of CoVid; he looks forward to continuing to serve and anticipates a great New Year filled with challenges and opportunities to keep making the National Guard better.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

There being no further business to conduct, motion was made by Colonel Courtney to adjourn the December 22, 2021, meeting of the State Armory Board. Motion was seconded by General Lyles and carried at 11:34 A.M.

General Umbarger announced to the Board his resignation as President of the Indiana State Armory Board. He stated he had been approached by a public relations firm to become a consultant in the areas of agriculture as well as national defense.

The next state Armory Board Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 10 o'clock in the Adjutant General's Conference room at Joint Forces Headquarters in Indianapolis.

Meeting was rescheduled due to conflict; new meeting to take place on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 10 o'clock at JFHQ.

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BG (Ret) RONALD W. HENRY, VICE-PRESIDENT
ACTING PRESIDENT, INDIANA STATE ARMORY BOARD

Signature on permanent file copy

BG R. DALE LYLES, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
SECRETARY-TREASURER